

REMARKS

Applicants note from the record at PAIR that the Amendment submitted on December 7, 2010 was not entered. Therefore, the instant Amendment restates the amendments made to the specification on December 7, 2010.

Disposition of Claims and Amendment

In the final Office Action mailed July 9, 2010, claims 3-5 were considered; claim 3 was rejected; and claims 4 and 5 were objected, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten into an independent claim format.

In the instant Amendment, claim 3 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection of claim 3 moot.

With regard to claim 4, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 is an independent claim, and thus the objection to claim 4 for being dependent from rejected base claim is not sustainable. Claim 5 is dependent from claim 4. Therefore, claims 4-5 are allowable as they are, and withdrawal of objection of claims 4-5 is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant amendment brings the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to specification

The Specification is amended to include inadvertently omitted parts of page 15. Page 15 in the specification as filed inadvertently leaves its right half side blank. Current amendments to the specification are made to insert the inadvertently omitted parts.

The instant application claims foreign priority which is treated as an incorporation by reference of the omitted text. As noted in MPEP § 201.17, 37 CFR §1.57(a) provides that, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under 37 CFR §1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR §1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim for priority or benefit shall be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings.

Therefore, the specification amendments do not introduce new matter, and the entry of the amendment to the specification is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number **202-775-7588**.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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